

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 217
By Graves

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Thomas Kailech Thoat,
2003 Salutatorian of E.B. Wilson High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Kailech Thoat is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at E.B. Wilson High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Thoat has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Thomas Kailech Thoat has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thoat's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he will be attending either Nashville State Tech Community College or Volunteer State Community College in the fall; and

WHEREAS, his academic achievements are even more remarkable when his past is taken into account: Thomas Kailech Thoat emigrated to this country from Africa in 1994, after spending eleven, trying years in refugee camps in Ethiopia and Kenya; and

WHEREAS, while attending E.B. Wilson High School full time, Mr. Thoat has also held down a full-time job to support his wife and four children; even while recovering from major back surgery, Thomas Kailech Thoat maintained his outstanding grade point average and still found time to volunteer at Gallatin Cares for his Senior Project; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Thoat's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his wife, his children, and his father, Thoat Nguy, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Thoat's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 E.B. Wilson High School Salutatorian, Thomas Kailech Thoat, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.